

**U.S. Department of Justice**

Office of the Inspector General

June 8, 2005

The Honorable Ernest J. Istook, Jr.
U. S. House of Representatives
2404 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Istook:

I write in response to your letter of May 4, 2005, which brought to our attention concerns raised by findings of the Oklahoma State Auditor related to a Department of Justice (DOJ) grant program.

After reviewing your letter and the Oklahoma Office of Juvenile Affairs Special Investigative Audit Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, we have decided to initiate an audit of the DOJ Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grants (JAIBG) to the State of Oklahoma. Our audit will examine whether costs claimed under the grants are allowable, reasonable, and in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, guidelines, and terms and conditions of the grants. During the course of our audit, we will review issues identified by the Oklahoma State Auditor, including concerns about the lack of monitoring and accountability and possible improper management of JAIBG funds.

We will provide you with our findings upon completion of the audit. Please contact me at (202) 514-3435 if you have any questions or require additional information regarding this audit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul K. Martin".

Paul K. Martin
Deputy Inspector General